1	2	3	4
17.	Tamil Nadu	8.62	6.86
18.	Karnataka	5.87	5.14
19.	Kerala	0.31	3.89
20.	Pondicherry		0.18
21.	Andaman & Nicobar		0.08
22.	Goa, Daman & Diu		0.25
Southern Region-Total		24.75	22.29
Western Region			
23.	Gujarat	7.32	5.38
24.	Maharashtra	6.51	10.26
Western Region-Total		13.83	15.64
Central Region			
25.	Uttar Pradesh	1.65	9.33
26.	Madhya Pradesh	11.25	3.52
Central Region-Total		12.9	12.85
Grand Total		81.6	79.00

Lockout/Closure of Tea Gardens

500. SHRI C. O. POULOSE: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of tea gardens in the country being under lockout/closure during the last two years along with details, State-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that thousands of labourers lost their jobs due to closure and lockouts;

(c) whether it is also a fact that many starvation deaths were reported from the settlements of tea garden workers;

(d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(e) whether Government have conducted any study to ascertain the causes of the prevailing situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY): (a) and (b) State-wise details of the tea gardens in the country under lockout/closure and the number of workers affected are as follows:

	Name of Tea Estate	No. of workers affected:
	West Bengal	
1.	Rahimabad Tea Estate	746
2.	Ramjhora Tea Estate	1103
3.	Dheklapara Tea Estate	757
4.	Katalguri Tea Estate	1471
5.	Pathorjhora Tea Estate	1052
6.	Dima Tea Estate	1858
7.	Kalchini Tea Estate	1898
8.	Raimatong Tea Estate	1238
9.	Srinathpur Tea Estate	220
10.	Chamurchi Tea Estate	1046
11.	Carron Tea Estate	705
12.	Majnai Tea Estate	956
13.	Sepoydhoorah Tea Estate	249
14.	Simulbarie Tea Estate	672
15.	Sayedabad Tea Estate	672
16.	Samsing Tea Estate	2311
17.	Kohinoor Tea Estate	Not available
18.	Chongtong Tea Estate	-do-
19.	Rungnet Tea Estate	100
	Assam	
1.	Govindapur Tea Estate	465
2.	Hatticherra Tea Estate	911
3.	Subong Tea Estate	1150
	Tripura	
1.	Meghlibundh Tea Estate	314
2.	Shimnacherra Tea Estate	58
3.	Krishnapur Tea Estate	52
	Kerala	
1.	Peermade Tea Estate	1200
2.	Lone Tree	

	Name of Tea Estate	No. of workers affected:
3.	Kottamalai	1650
4.	Bonami	
5.	Vagarnon	2500
6.	Thangamalai	
7.	Pasumalai	
8.	Granby	
9.	Mount	
10.	Koliekanam	
11.	Pullikaman	400
12.	Assam Brook Tea Plantation in Wayaned District	Not available.

(c) and (d) Government does not have any information on starvation deaths of tea workers.

(e) Government has appointed Expert Committees to make an in-depth study of the closed tea gardens in the States of West Bengal, Kerala, Assam and Tripura and suggest a package of measures for their viability and revival. These Committees are expected to submit their reports by March, 2003.

Use of Nimesulide Drug

501. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY:
SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT:
SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether drug Nimesulide has been cleared by Government for prescription to the patients;

(b) whether it is a fact that though Nimesulide is freely prescribed in the country, some medical experts still have some reservations about the safety of this drug, particularly among infants;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Nimesulide is still not licensed for use in certain developed countries like the USA, UK, Australia and New Zealand; and

(d) if so, whether Government propose to review its use in the country?